

Maui County Arborist Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
December 8, 2010

- I. Meeting called to order at 1:32 pm by Vice Chair Monroe Bryce when it was determined that a quorum was present.
- II. Meeting Business
  - a. In review of the minutes, it was stated that David Sakoda as ad hoc member could not have nominated Jan Dapitan as Honorary Chair. The motion was reintroduced by Harlan Hughes and seconded by William Jacintho. The minutes were then accepted by unanimous vote in a motion made by William Jacintho and seconded by Richard Kempf.
  - b. No presentations were made regarding the sunshine law or the planting plan as those presenters were absent.
  - c. Arbor Week consisted of the booth at the tree give-away which continues to be a popular event. The Lion's Club assisted David with a planting at Luana Gardens. A nice event honoring Jan Dapitan was held with the Mayor in attendance.
  - d. The Kula Community Association project was presented to their board of directors. They were to get back to David.
  - e. Harlan Hughes continues to express concerns about the pruning being done at the homeless shelter. Harlan has spoken to the executive director. It was suggested to make a site visit to explain the harm of radically pruning a tree. He had also seen a project done by another company that he called Ernie Rezens on and Ernie talked to company representatives. Jeanne made a motion to send a letter to offer a personal visit. William seconded it and the motion passed unanimously. Richard and Terry were willing to make the visit.
  - f. Discussion regarding the need for a tree inventory was held. David feels that it could be done without the support of a grant. GPS units are available. Little interest was shown in developing a subcommittee.
  - g. Another possibility for a grant would be in planting along the bike path in Spreckelsville. A subcommittee of Jeanne Pezzoli, David Sakoda, Terry Nutt, Monroe Bryce, and Richard Campas was formed. They plan to meet before the next regular meeting on January 12 at 12:15 pm. Jeanne will be the convener for *urban and community forest projects*. A unanimous vote by a motion made by Jeanne Pezzoli and seconded by Terry Nutt.
  - h. Exceptional trees were assessed at the Lahainaluna High School where it was discovered that the kaimani had been topped. A form letter should be created to remind owners of their responsibilities with owning an exceptional tree. Jeanne will prepare a letter verifying the points to include the ordinance. Jeanne made the motion that was seconded by Richard Kempf and passed unanimously. A Royal Palm at Wailuku Elementary will have to be removed due to a cavity in the trunk. Jordan joined the meeting and assumed the chair's role.

- i. Tree topping (not sure of this motion) defined ...Monroe moved and Terry seconded.
- III. Agenda Development
  - a. The discussion by Corporation Counsel will be deferred until it is known who will staff the committee.
  - b. Jordan had requested an extension from the Cultural Resource Commission so the committee could comment on their request that was sent too late to be included on the agenda.
  - c. Jeanne Pezzoli moved to send a letter to He-Man educating them about proper tree care. It was seconded by William and passed unanimously.
- IV. Arborist report
  - a. Jeanne reported that the trees planted at Luana Gardens look good. David reported that there is a root rot problem with the eucalyptus trees upcountry.
- V. Adjournment at 2:55 pm.

Submitted by:

Monroe Bryce, Sue Kiang, and Lehua Simon

**Record of Attendance:**

**Present:**

Jordan Hart, Chair  
Monroe Bryce, Vice Chair  
Harlan Hughes  
William Jacintho  
Richard Kempf  
Dennis Morihiro  
Robert Hobdy  
Jeanne Pezzoli  
David Sakoda,  
Glenn Shishido  
Richie Campas  
Sue Kiang